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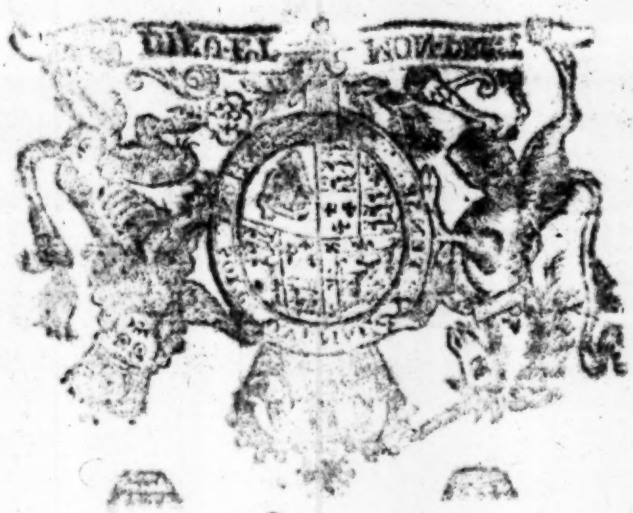

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To both Houſes of PARLIAMENT,

On *Tueſday* the Ninth Day of *November*, 1703.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have Called you together aſſoon as I thought you could conveniently Come out of your Countries, that no time might be loſt in making Our Preparations for Carrying on the preſent War, In which I do not doubt of your Cheerful Concurrence, ſince you can't but be ſenſible that on the Succeſs of it depends Our Own Safety and Happineſs and that of all *Europe*.

I Hope I have Improved the Confidence you Repoſed in Me laſt Year, to your Satisfaction, and the Advantage of Us and Our Allies, by the Treaty with the King of *Portugal*, and the Declaration of the Duke of *Savoy*, which in great Meaſure may be Imputed to the Cheerfulneſs with which you Supported Me in this War, and the Aſſurance with which you Truſted Me in the Conduct of it: And We cannot ſufficiently Acknowledge the Goodneſs of Almighty God, who is pleaſed to Afford Us ſo fair a Proſpect, as We now have, of bringing it to a Glorious and Speedy Concluſion.

I muſt therefore Deſire you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons*, to Grant Me ſuch Supplies as ſhall be requiſite to Defray the Neceſſary Charge of the War in the next Year, with regard, not only to all Our former Engagements, but particularly to Our Alliance lately made with the King of *Portugal* for Recovering the Monarchy of *Spain* from the Houſe of *Bourbon* and Reſtoring it to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, which Treaty being in it ſelf of the Higheſt Importance imaginable, and requiring all poſſible Diſpatch in the Execution of it has Neceſſarily Occaſion'd a great Expence even in this preſent Year, tho' not ſo much as it will require, and for which, I Hope, We ſhall be amply Recompenſed in the next.

The Subſidies which will now be immediately required for the Aſſiſtance of the Duke of *Savoy* will likewiſe Occaſion a further Neceſſary Charge.

I must take Notice to you that tho' no particular Provision was made in the last Session, either for the Charge of Our present Expedition to *Portugal*, or for that of the Augmentation Troops desired by the *States General*, yet the Fonds given by Parliament have held out so well, and the Produce of the Prizes has prov'd so Considerable, that you will find the Publick will not be in Debt by reason of either of these Additional Services.

I may further Observe to you, that tho' the Fonds for the Civil Government are Diminisht by the War, I have in Conjunction with the *States General*, Contributed out of My Own Revenue towards some Publick Services and particularly the Support of the Circle of *Suabia*, whose firm Adherence to the Interest of the Allies under the greatest Pressures did very well Deserve Our Seasonable Assistance: And I shall still be Careful not to Engage My Self in any Unnecessary Expence of My Own, that I may have the more to Spare towards the Ease of My Subjects.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I heartily wish some Easie and Less-Chargeable Method could be found for the speedy and effectual Manning of the Fleet.

I must also Recommend to you to make some Regulation for preventing the Excessive Price of Coals, I have Examined this Matter, and taken particular Care to appoint Convoys for that Service; but the Price has not been in the last Abated, notwithstanding a very considerable Quantity has been Imported since that time; This gives great ground of Suspicion there may be a Combination of some Persons to Enrich themselves by a general Oppression of others, and particularly the Poor: 'Twill deserve your Consideration how to Remedy this great Inconvenience.

And in all your Affairs I must Recommend to you as much Dispatch as the Nature of them will admit; This is Necessary to make Our Preparations early, on which in great Measure Depends the good Success of all Our Enterprizes.

I want Words to Express to you My earnest Desires of Seeing all My Subjects in perfect Peace and Union among Themselves: I have nothing so much at Heart as their general Welfare and Happiness; Let Me therefore Desire you all, That you would Carefully Avoid any Heats or Divisions that may Disappoint Me of that Satisfaction, and Give Encouragement to the Common Enemies of Our Church and State.

FINIS.